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Gravelling Under Way On Craddock Road

After some unavoidable delays, gravelling on the Raymond Craddock road started Wednesday at noon, and is continuing now in two shifts of ten hours each, and the contractor Frank O'Sullivan expects to complete one mile of road per day as long as the weather holds good.

The equipment started arriving Saturday, and by Monday noon all the trucks, the shovel, crusher and tractor and other accessories were on the job. The earth had to be stripped down about three feet, and Tuesday and Wednesday morning were used up in this work. A good bed of gravel is uncovered now, and by working down to a depth of about 8 feet in the gravel, enough can be taken out to cover the stretch of road at the rate of 750 yards to the mile. The town is also gravelling from the east boundary of the town to Broadway and may go west to the town limits while this work is in progress.

Work is progressing from both ends of the road, a truck dumping on this end one trip and on the east end the next. In this way mileage for all trucks will be equalized and a price per yard set on the average of the road. With the mile of road in town it makes the total to be gravelled about ten miles.

The gravel pit is a really busy place. The shovel loads the gravel into a hopper which takes it to the crusher where the larger stones are screened out and crushed and returned to the load. This gives a good uniform mixture which packs well and makes a good surface for the road. With this new gravelled section and the other gravelled road to Stirling, joining with the one west to Welling Junction, we are pretty well provided with all weather roads.

PLEASE HELP

People would do the post office staff a great favor, if, when mailing Christmas Cards and letters in bunches of three and upwards, they would see that all the stamps are turned the same way, and then all the envelopes fastened together with either a rubber band or a string. This saves a great deal of time when cancelling stamps, as when the envelopes are taken from the box they can be cancelled without the labor of handling each single envelope to put it straight.

Tuesday was a real summer like day.

HELP THE LIBRARY

The following have assisted during the past year by contributions to the Library.

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Mrs. Wells, Kenneth Vold, Mrs. Miller, Mr. F. Lamb, Readers Progress Club, Miss Johnson, Mr. B. Kirkham, 1st Ward Relief Society, Carl Winkler, Stake Y.L.M.I.A., Mrs. W. C. Stone, M. R. Woolf, Mrs. M. W. Boyson, 1st Ward M.I.A., Stake Sunday School Board, Book Lovers Score, 2nd Ward Genealogy, Friday Night Club, The Athenaeum, Mrs. E. Hudson, and the Ladies Literary Society.

LIONS CLUB MEETING

The Raymond Lions Club held their regular meeting in the Sugar Bowl on Monday night with 32 members and one visitor present. After singing "O Canada" prayer was offered by Lion Rulon Dahl and Lion R. Attwood was appointed Tail Twister for the evening.

S. I. May was present with a request that the Club appoint two members to meet with two members of the Rotary Club and Principal Jacobs to discuss the possibility and advisability of organizing an Air Cadet troop in Raymond. President Pack appointed Lions Wm. Jensen and Jack Evans to meet with the others and discuss the matter.

Community singing was then enjoyed, conducted by Lion Thos. Allan who acted in the absence of Lion Tamer Jos. A. McLean.

President L. R. Pack then gave a talk on "True Lionism," after which Lion M.T. King gave a report on the Carnival. A special vote of thanks was given Lions Rulon Dahl and Golden Snow for their excellent buying for the Carnival, also for the different Clubs of the town who helped so much to make the Carnival a success. The Club then gave the Lions Roar for the Carnival Committee.

Sec. Dean Robinson then gave a report on the Charter night.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National anthem.

ENJOYABLE SOCIAL EVENING

Officers, teachers and members of the Ward Primary and Genealogical Committee, with the Bishopic and partners of all as special guests met in the 2nd Ward Church last Friday evening in an annual supper and social.

Chicken with all the trimmings, topped off with Pie ala mode was the supper, and there was plenty for everyone and to spare. This was followed by community singing and then Santa and his reindeers appeared, and after the prancing steeds had broke loose from the sleigh three or four times, old Nick finally picked it up and carried it to the table, and gifts were distributed to everyone present.

Almost successful and enjoyable evening was brought to a close with dancing, the P. A. gramophone unit of Mose Fromm's furnishing the music.

NEWS NOTES

No loss without some gain. The hill had to be stripped to get road gravel, the Town got a lot of the top gravel on its streets at a very small cost. It is greatly appreciated by the taxpayers.

"Hand Cart Trails" was presented to a large audience of juveniles at the 2nd Ward Church last night, and is being repeated again tonight for the adult population.

Our basketball team went to town in a big way Saturday night when they defeated Coutts 35-9 in an exhibition game before a good crowd of High School students. A dance followed the game and everyone had a most enjoyable evening. Come again Coutts.

Let's Get That Cheese Factory

Prospects right now look very good for a Cheese Factory if we want it. Do we? Are the returns from a few cows big enough for us to be interested in? Are we willing to maintain a good average production of milk so that a factory could have a good year round production? Will we maintain our program when prices slump and milking seems like working for nothing?

These questions all enter into such a program. A cheese factory must have milk and have it regularly and constantly. Because of supply and demand prices for the milk will fluctuate, and at times will hit lower levels where milk production will be discouraging. This fact holds true with everything so it would not be a new experience with the dairyman. But if a factory is established these poorer times will have to be taken with the good ones. A certain market for milk makes a few cows one of the best assets a family can have.

Ten or fifteen dollars per month each doesn't sound very big, but if it spells the difference of a grocery bill paid, as we go, rather than charged all year, it may spell the difference

between poverty and ruin or success and plenty for many families. The Cardston Creamery has had several days this past summer when more than \$2,000 per day has been scattered amongst its patrons. A big total timote prosperity of everyone who supports it.

Those who are sponsoring this move are assembling a mass of first hand information with respect to initial cost, operating costs, markets for cheese, systems of operation co-operative stock holder or private concern and have the promise of one of the best cheese makers of the Province to supervise installation and train a local cheese maker if the plan is proceeded with. When a meeting is called to discuss the proposition, everyone should be there. It will be to your advantage.

About two-thirds of the minimum number of cows have already been promised and no canvass has been made. It looks as if the cows were procurable, and about all that will be needed will be enthusiasm and support for the movement. We have at times passed up opportunities for community betterment. Let us see that this one does not get away.

Canada's New Price Ceiling

By Frederick Griffin

Ottawa—Christmas shopping in Canada this year is taking place under the tight yoke of price control. Merchants cannot charge as they please for goods. Price tags are held back by law since December 1 to Fall levels.

Over 300,000 Canadian traders from the big city store to the merchant at the cross-roads—baker, milkman, jeweller and hardware man alike—are now operating under the retail price ceiling set by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board as of the basic period September 15 to October 11.

The costs of such essential services as electricity, gas, plumbing, painting, laundering cleaning and sewing are likewise held against a rise. Funerals and movies, hair-do and hot dog, pop, beer and hard liquor are equally anchored down.

Beer gave the Board its first chance to crack down on a price raise. On Saturday, November 29, Ottawa hotel keepers took occasion to boost it a nickel a quart, from 30 to 35 cents, because they had previously been selling at a low price to outsell their rivals across the river in Hull, Quebec.

On Monday, December 1, the day price control went into effect, they had to take that nickel off fast at the Board's order and go back to their price as of the basic period. This illustrates simply how the control works.

GREAT HUMAN EXPERIMENT

Since December 1 Canada has put into effect under the democratic system one of the greatest human experiments in economic control in history. Dictator states have established such controls by gestapo methods. Can Canada make it work by business cooperation and the public will?

Heavy penalties are provided, it is true, for chisellers and for cheaters. A license may be revoked and a business shut down for serious infraction. Stiff fines and jail terms are provided. But here at Ottawa headquarters it is said frankly that policing alone could not make price control a success, especially if business were rebellious and the public indifferent.

It would be obviously impossible to check the billion and one transactions that take place daily across Canada. That is not contemplated. Instead business and the public are being asked to play ball in their own and the nation's interest.

SELF-REGULATION IS KEYNOTE

Indeed the Board from the start turned to business and asked it to forge its own controls. Administrators were appointed from within the ranks of business men, manufacturers and producers. These are working out with various groups and trade associations the "squeeze" sharing which may be required down the line from retailer thru wholesaler and manufacturer to producer in order to keep the ceiling.

Merchants, fishermen, farmers, milk producers, bakers and clothing manufacturers—all of these groups might have resisted. Instead, the evidence is that all have sought to shoulder their share fairly and agreeably.

CONSUMER INTEREST QUICKENED

Reports received during the early days of the control showed it in full operation. The public saw little change. There was nothing dramatic about the way it went into effect. People bought and sold as usual and there was no one present to say them nay.

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Who Is To Blame? Can We Stop It?

W. I. MEETING

The Raymond W. I. held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Thos. Allan, Dec. 14th, 1941 with 14 ladies present. After singing "O Canada" and the reading of the minutes, the business of the meeting was discussed and the roll call was answered with a Christmas answer with a Christmas thought or verse.

A Christmas story "Shepherds of the Night" was told by Mrs. A. W. Kirkham, and the election of officers for 1941 resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. F.G. Hall.
1st Vice—Mrs. C.W. Lamb.
2nd Vice—Mrs. J. Fisher.
Sec.-Treas.—Mrs. I. McBride.
Auditors—Mrs. R.J. Webster and Mrs. Frank Shaw.
Messdames W. Paris, J. Miller, C. Rolison and A. W. Kirkham were named Constituency Representatives.

As it was Mrs. C.W. Lamb's birthday anniversary, a half hour was spent in her honor. Instead of the usual exchange of Xmas gifts, each member donated 50c. to the Club Treasury.

A delicious lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by her daughters, and after singing the National anthem, the meeting adjourned, with the Jan. 8th meeting called at the home of Mrs. A. W. Kirkham. Miss Eveson won the Door prize which was donated by Mrs. Lamb, was won by Miss Eveson.

Lloyd Gilmour of the Lethbridge Herald staff was a Raymond visitor Tuesday of this week.

NO CAR TIRES TO BE SOLD

If you see cars traveling at reduced speeds now it is not likely the old bus has lost its pep, but more probably because its owner wants to get the maximum use out of his tires. Or, if like some of us, he wants to be safe in case a worn tire blows.

Freezing tire supplies across the Dominion at 4 p.m. last Thursday, with orders that no more be sold either wholesale or retail, many motorists were caught with thin and badly worn tires. To still travel and be safe, reduced speeds are necessary and what the gas conservation campaign failed to accomplish in speed, may be accomplished with this present order.

Just what is back of the order has not been revealed. Some think there was a rush on the part of tire jobbers to buy up a great supply of tires and then make a "clean up" in selling them. Others believe the Government merely wants to take stock across the Dominion to see what tire supplies are available before the freezing order is removed. It is unlikely that no tire replacements will be sold, although good and justifiable reasons for a new tire may be demanded before a new tire can be bought.

At any rate our armed forces must have machines, gas and tires to carry on our fight. If we have to beach our cars in order for them to get these things let's take it like good Canadians, gladly because we have to. In the meantime, no tires. Let's go slower and be safer, and save tires and gas for the armed forces. "Carry On Canada."

A beautiful Christmas tree was placed in front of the Raymond Pharmacy and was lighted by the Power Co. free of charge. It was planned to put a Red Cross collection box by the tree for contributions and call it the Red Cross tree.

Some one stole the lights off the tree. Almost unbelievable, but true just the same. Some person or persons deliberately stole the lights. It's too bad that we can't even decorate a tree for the Red Cross, and have people show decency enough to leave the lights alone for such a cause.

Many towns put thousands of lights on their streets, on their lawns, and in various places to light up the town for the festive season, and these lights and decorations are never disturbed. Why can't we do it here? All joking aside it seems that there is a spirit of vandalism rampant in our town that should be checked. We would not attempt to say where it is, but there must be those parents who know things they don't tell, and who never question their children about their whereabouts, that these things go on and no one knows anything about it.

The names that these hoodlums are called by the victims of their dirtiness could not be printed, but they were plenty. Our town is getting a bad name because of such actions and it's too bad that a town so fine and progressive in so many ways should be forced to abandon anything that tends to street and lawn decorations because a few cannot show respect enough for public and the other fellows property that nothing lose is safe. Can we do anything about it? If not, why not?

RED CROSS MEETING SUNDAY NIGHT

Owing to lack of attendance at the Red Cross meeting last Tuesday evening, it was deemed advisable to postpone same, and it will be held Sunday evening immediately after church. Please keep this in mind for Sunday night in the 2nd Ward Chapel, when every person really should attend, in view of the value and importance of Red Cross work.

Will U B there

WEDDING BELLS

ALEXANDER — BRANDLEY

At the Alberta Temple on Wednesday, in the presence of parents of both young people and a host of friends, Guy Alexander, son of Mrs. C. R. Wing and Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alberta Brandley of Stirling, were united in marriage, with President Edw. J. Wood officiating. At the conclusion of the ceremony the young couple received the congratulations of their many friends and good wishes for a long and happy married life.

Both young people have been in Utah attending school during the winter, and managed to make arrangements to get home and to the Temple before it closed for the Christmas holidays. After spending the Yuletide vacation with their families and friends here they will return to Utah to continue their studies and their work. With their many friends we extend our best wishes for happiness and success in their married life.

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S. I. MAY Editor.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Once again Christmas comes to a war torn world, when by far the majority of the earth's inhabitants are living under the shadow of the sword. What a contrast to the true spirit of Christmas we see in the world today. How thankful we should be that we are permitted to live in such a secluded spot so far as damage from attack and bursting bombs are concerned. How blessed that our little ones can be put to bed at night without the hourly fear of air raids and a possible destruction of everything before dawn. Of course, no one knows what the future holds, and death and destruction are not confined to war zones. But, comparatively speaking we are as safe from blitz attacks as people could be anywhere. How blessed!

What a far cry from the angelic message "Peace on earth, good will to men," we see in the weary and war torn world of today. How different from the brotherly love and understanding that might be expected from the chosen of the Lord. Today generally speaking, the world is divided into two armed camps, and both claiming to be fighting to put down unrighteousness. The Allies defending their freedom and ours. The Axis claiming to be fighting to throw off the yoke of bondage that democracy has laid on her subjects during the past. Judged by Bible standards, people should be free to choose their way and what they'll be. But that yard stick we have right on our side and must continue our fight to preserve.

And yet, in the midst of what we see, the spirit of Christmas comes to our souls as a balm and a benediction of what we hope will follow the present era of the world in flames. How thankful we should be that we still have a desire to express a spirit of unselfish love and devotion to those whom we adore. How delightful to see the mysterious packages hidden away where interested eyes can not behold them until the great day. Is there a Santa Claus? Ask the boys and girls who have their heart set on a dolly, a pair of skates, a wagon or what have you. Are you immune? Isn't there something you are hoping you will get. Something you have wanted and hoped for

for a long time that maybe Santa Claus will put in your sack?

We get hard and unemotional at times and try to savor at Christmas. And yet, thank God nearly all of us break down at Christmas time and give way to the spirit of Christmas, which thru two thousand years of heartache and bloodshed, over the face of old Mother Earth, has conquered every feeling of hate and malice to reign triumphant for one day in the year at least, when in fulfillment of the angel's message we shall have "peace on earth, good will to men." If for no other blessing, let us thank a benevolent God most sincerely for the spirit of Christmas which lifts men and nations out of themselves to a nobler and loftier plane.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor,
The Raymond Recorder,
Dear Sir:

I believe in your paper of two weeks ago, you made some remark about our young men not placing themselves in the service of their country.

Can you give me an answer to this one? Two weeks ago a young man came back from Provo, where he has been attending the B.Y.U. As soon as he could make application to the recruiting officer to join the service, he did so, being told upon examination that he was one hundred percent perfect, with the exception of a slight hernia, or rupture. They could not accept him. But if he would have a slight operation, and of course foot the bill himself, they would be glad to take him.

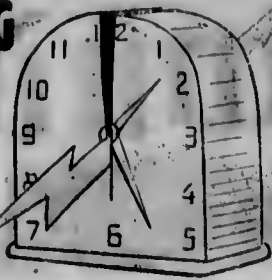
This boy has the record of being one of the best athletes in Alberta, holding the Provincial championship for hundred yds., for over six years, doing it in nine and seven-tenths seconds, still unbeaten; and also holding the 220 yds. crown as long as he competed.

He earned his way through college, by running for that college and bringing honor to it and its athletic squad, taking part in the 100, 220, quarter mile and relay team in State and inter-State events, all the time having this slight hernia, which he has had since he was nine.

Tell me, does Canada need men? or are these placards and ads. in different papers just a farce, or no cost to the country? Or is it just a small item to pay for in the neighborhood of \$10.00 and expenses per day, other ranks their regimental pay, and expenses to travel Canada for the purpose of recruiting.

The same boy's father has been through the mill. He also had four other members of the same family; two are in the Artillery in Winnipeg, one is in

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Sincerely yours,
H. O. B.

NEWS NOTES

Monday was warm and bright all day with what little snow there was on the ground melting and roads and paths drying nicely.

Elders Lyman H. Jacobs and S. I. May were speakers at the Raymond 2nd Ward Sacrament meeting Sunday evening. A special musical number was rendered by the Choir. A very good representation of the ward population was present at the meeting.

Mrs. Marion Brown was in Cardston Wednesday trying to complete arrangements to get into the United States.

E. E. Jensen, Treasury branch manager and A. W. Jones made a trip to Glenwood on Wednesday afternoon to inspect the new cheese factory there and find out the business set up of it.

While we had a cool but quiet and pleasant day here Saturday, Lethbridge was whipped by a cutting north wind that blew the snow around and made the afternoon and early evening very disagreeable.

H. Dean Rolison and J. Golden Snow were in Lethbridge last Friday at an organization meeting for Southern Alberta, called by C. B. Cheeseman, Cardston, South Alberta organizer. A large number of High School teams are entered, and three possible senior entries, one of them being questionable because of war duties. The Intermediate section will not be definite until a little later when more registration cards for players in this division have been received.

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Sunday night was "Family Night" at the First Ward when the C. A. Hudson family presented a very interesting program of music, speaking and readings. A large audience was present at the meeting.

The cast of "Handcart Trails" had a pleasant surprise Monday evening last, when during rehearsal the Y.W.M.I.A. presidency served cocoa and cookies during the rehearsal. On behalf of the cast may we say "thanks a lot."

May we say "thank you" most heartily to those subscribers who have paid up their subscriptions recently. It helps greatly. May we also suggest that you other good people follow their example and help us out with your sub. Thank You.

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NEWS NOTES

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His Majesty King George VI celebrated his forty-sixth birthday. With Britishers all over the world we extend congratulations to our King and ruler who is facing a big job in the midst of a war torn world, and with his adorable Queen is doing a fine job of it.

Bob Jewel of Calgary arrived Wednesday evening to take the teller's cage in the Treasury branch. A. E. Mehus, who has been here for the past few months will return to Edmonton to report for military inspection.

Most of the boys from Camp Patnawawa are home for the holidays. They are looking fine and the army life seems to agree with them. Amongst those at home are Sam Dyson, Smellie Redd, Willis Jamiesan, Cecil Hutchison, three of the Japanese boys and several others. We wish them well at home and on their return.

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Your government has placed a "ceiling" on retail prices. You are the buyers of four out of every five dollars worth of all the goods sold in this country. Your whole-hearted help is needed in this price control plan. If every woman does her part, it cannot fail.

Its success will be a big step on the road to victory. Its failure would be a serious blow to our war effort. You can tip the balance towards success.

Will you, then, undertake to make the successful control of commodity prices an established fact? We know you will. And we know that when you undertake this task it is as good as done.

This is the work you are asked to do

1. Make a list of commodities

We want you to sit down today and make a list of the things you buy from week to week and from month to month. Write down food and clothing items in particular, because these account for the biggest share of your expenditures. But we want you to list those articles you buy at the drug store, hardware store, and other stores, too.

2. Make notes about quality

Now go over your list again and mark down the necessary details about quality, type, grade and size. Then when making future purchases you will be able to compare values as well as prices.

3. Write down prices

After each item we want you to write down, if you can, the highest price charged at your store during the period September 15 to October 11, 1941. If you cannot remember the prices charged during that period, fill in your list with today's prices. Our survey shows that retailers, with few exceptions, are keeping prices well within the "ceiling" levels. As exceptions are being discovered they are being quickly brought into line.

4. Keep this list—use it when you buy!

Make up this price list neatly, and accurately. You will not be able to get all the items at once. Keep adding to your list from day to day. Make it your permanent check list—your personal safeguard against any further rise in prices.

Prices May be Different in Different Stores

There has always been a difference in prices in different stores—even stores in the same locality. This may depend on the kind of service the store gives, or the way it operates. Some stores, for instance, have delivery service, give credit, or provide other extra services.

Under the new Price Ceiling Order there will still be differences in prices at different stores. The new price regulations will not do away with competition. The highest prices in any particular store must not be higher than the highest prices in force in that store during the period September 15 to October 11. They may be a little lower or a little higher than the prices in other stores.

The prices you will mark down will be the highest prices charged at the store where you shop.

A Few Points to Remember

1. The ceiling price is not necessarily the price you paid. It is the highest price at which the store sold the particular item between September 15 and October 11.

2. A merchant may reduce his prices for sales or other reasons—he may also raise them provided they do not go above the ceiling price.

3. Variations in seasonal prices on fresh fruits and vegetables are permitted. Rulings on seasonal markets will be announced from time to time by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board in newspapers and over the radio.

4. Fill out your price list without bothering your merchant. In many cases he is making a financial sacrifice to sell under the price ceiling. The war has left him short-staffed and the Christmas rush is on.

Items most frequently bought

This is not intended as a complete list. It is simply offered as a guide. Add to it the other items you buy or expect to buy.

Item	Description (Size, Quality, etc.)	Store	Price	Item	Description (Size, Quality, etc.)	Store	Price
FOOD				CLOTHING (Men's, Women's, Children's)			
Milk				Coats			
Butter				Sweaters			
Eggs				Suits			
Sugar				Dresses			
Tea, Coffee				Skirts, Blouses			
Flour				Shirts			
Cereals				Underwear			
Bread				Boots and shoes			
Meat				Rubbers, Goggles			
Canned Goods				Stockings			
OPERATING EXPENSES				Socks			
Laundry and cleaning				Hats, Gloves			
Soaps and other cleaning agents							
Blankets, Sheets, Towels							

Why you must do your part

To ensure the success of this price control plan, every woman in Canada should make a list. Retailers are showing a splendid spirit of co-operation. The great majority of them are determined to make this plan work, but if you do not co-operate the whole plan might fail—prices might start to skyrocket. So keep your list handy. Check the prices you pay against it.

If a price seems higher than the ceiling, ask your merchant about it. If further information is necessary, report the full details in writing. Address your letter to the Prices and Supply Representative, Wartime Prices and Trade Board at any of the following: Vancouver, Edmonton, Regina, Winnipeg, North Bay, London, Toronto, Rockville, Montreal, Quebec City, Saint John, Halifax, Charlottetown.

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NEWS NOTES

Ken Blair of the Mid West Paper Sales, Ltd., was in Raymond on Tuesday.

E. E. Jensen of the local Treasury Branch was in Coaldale on Monday this week.

Heber F. Allen of the Mercantile Co. was in Lethbridge on business Monday.

Jas. E. Anderson and Gordon Rasmussen had a slight crash with their cars last Friday both, getting the fenders rather badly bent. Slippery roads made the collision unavoidable.

You won't get better Xmas Cards for the money anywhere. Why don't you come in. We need your business. The Recorder.

At the Rotary meeting at noon A. H. Zabriskie furnished the program and reviewed an article by Channing Pollock on the spirit of Christmas.

Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada celebrated his 67th birthday. Wednesday by working as usual. We extend our congratulations. He received many messages of congratulations from all over Canada during the day.

The water was turned off for about eight hours Wednesday evening while a new valve was put in the line at the "High" Sugar Co. office. It would have only been about an hour or so but just as they were "leading" the joint, a nearby curb box which was full of seepage water caved in and filled the hole full of water again. This had to be fixed out again before work could proceed.

Jim Weaver of the Mercantile staff was away from work Saturday and Monday with a bad attack of quinsy which didn't break until Sunday. Our sympathies Jim, we know just how you felt.

Rain was reported Wednesday morning in the mountains west and south of the Crow's Nest Pass. Locally while we have considerable wind, the weather has been very mild and sunny.

The Russians seem to have the Nazis on the run in Russia. British forces maintain the balance of power in Africa, United States land, sea and air forces have let Japan feel their teeth and Singapore and Borneo are withstanding Jap attacks on scattered positions. This about sums up the war situation as conveyed in a mass of conflicting reports during the past few days. Japan seems doomed to cut her wisdom teeth on cannon barrels despite repeated warnings from Allied leaders.

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was the belief of many that a
one-price ceiling had been set
for each and every commodity.

A number of housewives com-
plained to the Board or to a
regional office that merchants
were charging varying prices
for butter, eggs, shirts and
other items. They felt that Mr.
Jones should not charge more
than Mr. Smith up the street;
that department store, chain
store and independent should all
show one price.

COMPETITION REMAINS

There is no such levelling.
The Board made no attempt to
hit at trade freedom. Competi-
tion remains and the prices of
various commodities will vary
from store to store as they al-
ways did—so long as each store
sells within the prices it charged
during the basic period.

In Ottawa the Board, its com-
mittees and administrators stay
hard at work evolving princi-
ples, meeting problems that arise
and making adjustments to ease
the strain on a particular indus-
try or group. One of the most
important problems it has
sought to solve is that of imports.
After a thorough analysis of
the situation it announced a sys-
tem of subsidy payment by the
Government in case of certain
cost rise on imported goods. The
purpose is to maintain the price
ceiling policy in respect to im-
ported as well as domestic goods.

This means that the Govern-
ment—in the last analysis the
public—takes its share of the
"squeeze" where imported ma-
terials or goods figure in a tran-
saction at a fixed retail price.

CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS

There will be exemptions
from this subsidy and the Board
reserves the right to exclude
any goods. Looked at generally,
it will have the effect of easing
the situation in many branches
of the clothing and textile in-
dustries, for example, and in
other essential manufactures
dependent in whole or in part on
imports.

Another important order ex-
empted farmers from licenses
when they buy feeder cattle,
lambs or weanling pigs for fat-
tening or finishing. Only when
they buy such stock for quick
turnover must they have licens-
es as dealers.

Thus the Board is meeting
conditions as they arise and
seeking to remove inequalities
or bottlenecks in the flow of
commodities as a result of price
fixing. It is evident that there
is a strong desire to interfere as
little as possible with trade
practices and channels. The
only aim is to maintain the
ceiling established. There will
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